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Mr. George Stevens,
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Dear George,

Ted Daws of Dencaster rang yesterday stating that you were interested in compiling the Daws family tree, and asking could I give you any information. This I am delighted to do as I am so pleased to know that someone is looking into our family history. I, Mabel Pederick, nee Daws, am 87 years of age, and the last of my generation, having outlived all my sisters and cousins.

Attached you will find a summary of what I know of my family history, which I trust will be of assistance to you. There are a good many blanks which you could fill in more accurately from other members of the family. For example, Mrs. Robert Storey (nee Kitty Lee Archer) could most likely help with information regarding Frank Daws' family. I cannot find the Storey's address in the phone book, but years ago they were missionaries with, I think, the Un evangelised Fields' Mission, whose address is 317 Collins Street, Melbourne. Failing that, Belgrave Heights Convention, of the same address, could probably help.

You will see I have stopped my genealogies at your generation, but could carry them further in Edward Daws' family (with some exceptions of which I am not sure) if you so desire.

Wishing you every success in your interesting task,
I am,

Yours sincerely,

Mabel Pederick

P.S. As a matter of interest to you, when I was a small child George & Lizzie Daws bought two blocks of land near Gardiner Rly. Stn. and lived there until the death of George, your great grandfather. They had a poultry farm and grew passion fruit, etc., and supplied fruit, poultry and eggs to two of Melbourne's large hotels.

DAWS FAMILY.

I understand the Daws family was of French origin, and was spelt D'Aws, but when the spelling changed I do not know - possibly many generations ago.

In the year 1818 ROBERT DAWS married MARTHA CHAMPNEY in London. The Champneys were an old family who came to England with William the Conqueror.

ROBERT AND MARTHA DAWS had 5 sons and 4 daughters:-

Charles, George (Your great grandfather) Edward (my father) Thomas & Frank.
Annie, Maria, Margaret, Martha.

ROBERT & MARTHA DAWS lived in Margaret Street, London, West End (The back of the house overlooked the Serpentine) where most of the family were born. They later moved to Edgeware Road, which is still a well known road and now right in the city of London, but then well into the country. ROBERT DAWS was a cabinet maker of high standard, having made adjustable easy chairs and dining tables for King George 4th and King William 4th. To show Royal appreciation he was invited to spend several days at the Palace, also was given Freedom of the City of London.

He made three hand-made chairs and shipped them to his children. Each chair had special features but they were of different types. The chair sent to George was handed down to his son, Edward, and as far as I know was still in his house at Doncaster when he died. The chair sent to Edward went to his daughter, Ellen, then to Edward Wilson of Geelong, the son of Ellen's daughter, Rosa. The chair for Thomas was lost in transit.

I do not know a great deal about Robert Daws' daughters, except that two of them married brothers by the name of Hegg and lived in Ireland, and I think the other two also married. None of them migrated to Australia.

The 5 sons all migrated to Australia in about the year 1850 or 1851. Edward and two of his brothers (probably Thomas and Frank) sailed from England on a very small sailing ship "Kate Karney" carrying timber and only about 5 passengers. The journey took 6 months, including a fortnight becalmed a week's sailing from Capetown, and they arrived in Melbourne on the Bushfire day, "Black Thursday" in February 1850 or 51. The first job George and Edward did on arrival was to help erect the fence around Government House. The other two brothers arrived probably 6 months earlier. Fairly soon after arrival George and Edward started a business, general store and bakery, at Bullock's Creek, near Ballarat, Victoria.

MARRIAGES:-

Charles, married, no family

George married Elizabeth (Lizzie) who arrived from England as a young woman.

Their children:- Robert, married Laura Pegler, Children, Gwen m. Eric Bardsley
Thelma m. Bill Crellin
Mansell m. Len Mitchell

Emmie Died in infancy

Emmie (Pem) (Your grandmother) m. George Stevens
Children, Fred

Rubie m. Russel Wilson
Harold

Bert

Harry

Edward married Rosa Clarke, May 4th, 1871 at Presbyterian Kirk, Ballarat, by
Rev. William Henderson.

Their children:-

Son, Peter (Stillborn)

Mary, married Percy Bryce, Children:-

Hilda (Single)

Doris, m. Percival Robinson, children Yvonne (single)
Barry m. Shirley.

Ruth m. Ernest Turner, children John m. Betty
Twins (Marie m. Bruce Smith
(Noreen m. George Rendall.

Ivy, m. John Sullivan, children. John, Peggy, Shirley
Terence, Lawrence, Maureen, David

Vera } Died in infancy

Percy } Twins m. Ima in New Zealand, children Jean & Ann.

Robert m. Lois Peiper, children Warwick & Ian Twins
and Meredith

Keith } m. Win, child, Ian
Twins

Alan } m. Mellie, children Beverley & Billy

Katie m. Gwyn Matheson, child, Susan

Glenda m. Fred Erskine, children Kenneth, Brian,
Nancy (died as small child)

Geoffrey m. Lena Coleman, no children

Ellen married William Aylen,

Children, Rosa m. Herbert Wilson, Ormal m. Joseph
Coombes

Children of Edward & Rosa, continued:-

Kate married Henry Bruton, died 1 year later.

Rosa Single

Mabel married Philip Pederick

Children Phyllis M. Joseph Pederick
Edward, deceased.

Thomas married Jane, one child, Florence m. Jos. Curnow, child Rupert.

Frank married ~~Kitty (Surname?)~~

Children Nan m. (cannot remember his name) at least
one child, Stella.

Lucy m. Arthur Francis, 2 sons 1 daughter

Nellie m. ⁷ Hedland (Cannot remember his name)
their children, Ella m. Lee-Archer
Their Chn. a son (I think)
Kitty M. Robt. Storey

Rose, single

Elsie m. Speeckley

Frank m. Kitty

"DAWS" HISTORY

ROBERT DAWS a Cabinet Maker of Edgeware Road, London, Married MARTHA CHAMPNEY. During his life, ROBERT DAWS was Cabinet Maker to three Kings of England. One of these Kings, George 3rd., called him to the Palace and asked him to make a comfortable chair and also a table at which the King could take his meals in comfort. Robert made a table with a concave curve in it as the King was a very stout man, and a chair, the back of which could be tilted at various angles and a foot rest that could be pulled out from under the seat of the chair when needed. At least two copies of this chair are in existence today (1956) one at the home of Mr. Edward Daws, George Street, Doncaster East and the other at the home of Mr. Edward Wilson of Geelong (Edward Daws is a Grandson of Robert Daws and Edward Wilson is a great-grandson).

Three sons of Robert Daws, all carpenters, packed their tools and one at a time left their work (so that the firm would not know their intentions) and sailed from England in a small Yacht the "Kate Karney". The Daws Brothers (George, Edward and Thomas) were the only passengers. The voyage took six months to Australia where they arrived in 1854, landing at Sandridge. The day after they arrived, they started work on Government House, St. Georges Road, Toorak. This 30 roomed white towered Mansion was Victoria's first Government House from 1854 - 1878.

In 1956 it was purchased from Colonel Alan Spowers, whose family had owned it since 1900, by the Swedish Church, to serve as a Swedish Community Center, portion of the building being used as a Chapel. The wages paid to Carpenters in 1854 was £1 per 8 hour day. The Daws Bros. later bought land in Collins Street and conducted a business there.

The Gold rush in Ballarat started, so they sold their business and went there and started the Madam Berry Mine.

Tom returned to England and married Jane. George and Edward opened a store and Bakery in Kingston. In 1866 George married Elizabeth Smith. In 1875 George with Elizabeth and family went to Dromana and became the Baker there. He and his Wife also had a Boarding house. About 1890 George and Elizabeth moved to High Street Armadale and later to Spencer Crescent, East Camberwell, where George died in 1899.

After marrying, Tom returned to Victoria. Edward married Rosa Clarke and they lived after leaving Kingston, at Mernington, Kyabram (where Rosa practiced as a Mid-Wife) and later at Mentone.

Francis followed his Brother out to Victoria when he was only in his teens having married Lucy before he left. He opened a Flag, Tent etc., Business in Queen Street. Charles also came to Victoria, Married, but there is no definite details of his Family. Fred did not come here nor did any of the four girls.

Robert and Martha were Roman Catholics, but Robert had a difference of opinion with the Priest and left the Roman Catholic Church taking the boys with him. As they grew up, he told them they could join any Church they liked except Roman Catholic. The Mother, Martha, remained Roman Catholic and the girls were brought up in that Religion. Some of them, when they married, went to live in Ireland. One Daughter's married name was Bourke,

she had a son Henry Thomas who in July 1875 was 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ years and a Daughter Agnes Mary who in February 1875 was 18 years. These details were taken off Photos which were taken in Limerick.

ROBERT DAWS, Cabinet Maker, of Edgeware Road, London, married Martha Champney, born at "Pontefract Castle" Pontefract, West Riding, Yorkshire. Their children were - Charles who came to Australia, Married, but no definite details of family available.

GEORGE ROBERT (1828 - 1899) came to Australia in 1854, married ELIZABETH SMITH (1835 - 1925) daughter of William and Caroline (nee Higgins) Smith of London at Blanket Flat (now Eganstown) Victoria on 31st May 1866. They lived at Kingston then Dromana and Camberwell. See pages 4 & 5 for details of descendants.

THOMAS came to Australia in 1854, later he returned to England, married JANE, returned to Australia. They had a daughter, Florence. Tom Daws died 1/11/1921, Jane lived to be 100 years and died 13/8/1943.

EDWARD DAWS came to Australia in 1854. He married ROSA CLARKE. FRANCIS DAWS in his late teens married LUCY in England and then came to Australia. FRED DAWS remained in England.

ANNE {
MARIE {
MARHTA {
MARGARET { were the Daughters. Their married names are not known.

GEORGE DAWS married ELIZABETH SMITH - their family -

1. ROBERT HENRY (8/4/1867 - 4/7/1960) married Laura Pegler. Their family - LAURA GWENDOLEN (1898 - 1977) married Eric Bardsley - they had Daughter Lois and son Graeme.

THELMA MILLICENT (1903) married William K. Crellin, sons John & Ian. MANSELL JOY (1912) married Len Mitchell - their family - Geoffrey, Robert and Joy.

2. EMMA (23/10/1869 - 19/1/1959) married George Stevens - Their family - FREDERICK (1898 - 1966) married Cecily Pescott - sons Richard and George. Fred later married Nancy Sims - their son Ian. RUBY MEDIC (1899 - 1980) married Russell Wilson. HAROLD (1901 - 1954) married Loveday Werry - their daughter Betty married Robert Bryant.

3. EDWARD (1871 - 1958) married Emma S. Sanderson (1881 - 1949) Their family - GLADYS (1903) married William T. Peter-Budge (1900 - 1975) Their family Dulcie (1930) Joyce (1933) wed Hans Voigt, Edna (1936) wed Bob Lee, Margaret (1940) wed Ian Tennant. HAZEL (1906) wed Arthur V. Hall, their family - Alan (1936) Robert (1938) John (1940) Dennis (1946) EMMIE (1908 - 1979) married Harold J. Clarke - their family - Marion, (1936) Ruth (1937) Barbara (1940) Ian (1947) EDWARD C. (1912) married Edna Fort (1913) their family - June (1946) Douglas (1949) GEORGE R. (1921) married Shirley Cheney (1924) their family, Neil (1961) Lynette (1964)